



John R. Kasich, Governor  
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor  
Scott J. Nally, Director

Re: **Notice of Violation**  
Putnam County  
Columbus Grove  
NPDES Permit

August 8, 2013

Mr. Jeff Vance  
Columbus Grove WWTP  
113 East Sycamore Street  
Columbus Grove, Ohio 45830

Dear Mr. Vance

On August 1, 2013, an inspection was conducted at the Village of Columbus Grove's Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). Mr. Bob Huff was present and provided operation and maintenance information on the plant. The final effluent observed entering Plum Creek was clear with no noticeable odor.

A review of the Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMR) for March 2013 to August 2013 shows that there has been one permit limit violation. The specific instance of non-compliance is enclosed on a separate sheet.

On August 1, 2013, two National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit compliance schedule items were due.

Compliance schedule Item B (v) and (vi) states:

- v. Not later than 32 Months from the effective date of this permit, the permittee shall complete construction of WWTP improvements. (Event Code 04599).**
- vi. Notify Ohio EPA Northwest District Office within seven days of completing item B.**

Compliance schedule item C (iv) and (v) states:

- iv. Complete construction and attain operational level of the Phase 2 sewerage work within 32 months of the effective date of this permit. (Event Code 4599)**
- v. Notify Ohio EPA Northwest District Office within seven days of completing item D.iv.**

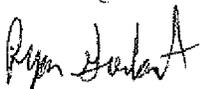
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Notification of completion of the compliance items has not been submitted. Failure to meet the compliance schedule dates places the facility in significant non-compliance (SNC). Please inform this office in writing as to the reasons for the above referenced violations, as well as a description of the actions taken or proposed to prevent any further violations. Your response should include the dates, either actual or proposed, for completion of the actions.

Please be advised that failure to comply with the effluent limitations and/or monitoring requirements, including adequate laboratory controls, appropriate quality assurance procedures, and records retention, as specified in your Part III-General Conditions of your NPDES permit may be cause for enforcement action pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Chapter 6111. If these violations continue to occur and if satisfactory progress is not made, it may be necessary to initiate enforcement action to achieve compliance.

Our completed inspection report is enclosed. If you have any questions, please contact me at (419) 373-3053.

Sincerely,



Ryan Gierhart, P.E., R.S.  
Division of Surface Water

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Enclosures

pc: Mayor and Council

ec: Tracking



State of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency  
Northwest District Office

NPDES Compliance Inspection Report

Section A: National Data System Coding					
Permit #	NPDES#	Month/Day/Year	Inspection Type	Inspector	Facility Type
2PC00004*ID	OH0020281	8/1/2013	R	S	1

Section B: Facility Data		
Name and Location of Facility Inspected	Entry Time	Permit Effective Date
Village of Columbus Grove WWTP 1371 N. Defiance Street Ottawa OH 45875	10:40 a.m.	8/1/2008
	Exit Time	Permit Expiration Date
	11:25 a.m.	7/31/2013
Name(s) and Title(s) of On-Site Representatives	Phone Number(s)	
Bob Huff, Operator	419-659-5740 419-233-3825(Cell) (419) 659-2982	
Name, Address and Title of Responsible Official	Phone Number	
Jeff Vance, Village Administrator 113 E. Sycamore Street Columbus Grove, Ohio 45830	(419) 659-2982	

Section C: Areas Evaluated During Inspection					
(S = Satisfactory, M = Marginal, U = Unsatisfactory, N = Not Evaluated)					
U	Permit	N	Flow Measurement	N	Pretreatment
N	Records/Reports	N	Laboratory	N	Compliance Schedule
M	Operations & Maintenance	S	Effluent/Receiving Waters	N	Self-Monitoring Program
M	Facility Site Review	N	Sludge Storage/Disposal	N	Other
N	Collection System				

Section D: Summary of Findings (Attach additional sheets if necessary)	
<p>Primary clarifier had what appeared to be nitrification bubbles coming up in the tank. The clarifiers should be checked to ensure the sludge mechanisms are working properly and sludge is being properly wasted.</p> <p>Both trickling filters appeared to be rotating and spraying water adequately. A grinding noise was heard in the secondary filter's motor.</p> <p>Discharge observed at chlorine contact tank was clear with no noticeable odor.</p>	
Inspector	Reviewer
 Ryan Gierhart, P.E., R.S. Environmental Specialist II Division of Surface Water Northwest District Office	 Thomas Poffenbarger, P.E. Water Quality Engineer II/Unit Supervisor Division of Surface Water Northwest District Office
8-7-13 Date	8/6/13 Date

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Permit No	Reporting Period	Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
2PC00004*1D	June 2013	001	31648	E. coli	7D Conc	362	398.246	6/1/2013